

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2 A multi-mode mobile station independently determines
3 the radio signal quality of a serving mobile system by
4 evaluating the error rate associated with the received
5 forward-link-channel messages. In response to a
6 determination that the calculated error rate is greater
7 than an acceptable threshold level, the mobile station
8 then attempts to access an alternative service system
9 capable of providing better and more reliable
10 telecommunications service.

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